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## Newsletter

**Number 04**

**24 February 2017**



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### Thanks

... again, to the team who supported our senior camp, the feedback from staff is that you were amazing!

... to our headlice inspection team

... to those who supported our zone swimming sports team this week.

... our Country Fair team and all of those geared to be there tomorrow (10:00am to 2:00pm)

### People of the week

... our year 7 and 8 students who appear to have impressed everyone who had anything whatsoever to do with them while on camp last week.

### Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

25 Feb School Country Fair

27/28 Feb Parent / teacher / student conferences

2 March Junior swimming sports (years 1 to 3)

3 March Middle and senior swimming sports (years 4 to 8)

7 March Interschool Swimming Sports (pp 9.3)

15 March Year 7 and 8 tennis doubles

23 March Kids Lit Quiz

24 March Year 7 and 8 vaccinations

13 April Final day of term 1

### Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

The above are scheduled for Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 February - **book online via the following website** - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) **and enter the event code of gc2m3** Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.

Parents are encouraged to attend these interviews with their child or to make an alternative appointment if these days do not suit.

Conferences are an opportunity to talk about your child specifically, to see how they have settled, to note any concerns, and to set some targets. This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

### Learning Support Interviews .. book online

Mrs Comrie and Mrs Williams will be available on Tuesday (28.2) from 3:30 to 5:30 to meet with parents of students who have been placed on learning support programmes. Mrs Comrie would also be more than willing to meet with parents of students who were placed in learning support programmes in the latter half of 2016. Mrs Comrie and Mrs Williams will be located in the meeting room (main office area).

**Early Buses** - early notice that buses will run 30 minutes early on 27 and 28 February because of parent interviews. Parents who transport their children by car are asked to pick them up at 2.30pm please on these days

**Items in last week's newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)**

Interviews ... how to prepare for these?  
Senior School Raffle Winners  
Learning Support Programmes  
Supervision of eating of lunches  
Homework exemptions from  
Newsletters by email

Early buses pick ... up on interview nights  
Country Fair .. useful information  
Locking the school gates  
Having fun learning Te Reo  
Call for school sponsors

**Country Fair - Saturday 25 February 2017**

***Please support the Country Fair to be held here  
at Matarau School on 10-2pm Saturday 25 February***

**Plenty of fun activities are planned, games, competitions, stalls, food etc**

- ✓ Drive a Digger      ✓ Horserides      ✓ Waterslide      ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Putt for Cash      ✓ Ranger Rides      ✓ Smash a Car      ✓ Jamerry Nails
- ✓ Swimming Pool      ✓ Sausage & Steak Sizzle      ✓ Silent Auctions
- ✓ Quick Fire Raffles      ✓ Hair Chalking      ✓ Cake Sale      ✓ Café – Serving "Real" Coffee
- ✓ Plant & Produce Stall      ✓ Spit Roast      ✓ Clothing Stall
- ✓ Book Stalls      ✓ Candy Floss      ✓ White Elephant

.... and much much more!!

***Please let extended family and neighbours know  
that this is an event they shouldn't miss!***

**International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out shortly. Please give careful thought regarding your child's participation this year. The competition is open to all comers but there is little point in participating if children are unlikely to complete a MINIMUM of 5 practice tests in the period building up to the test. In some years a significant number of children did few or no practice tests, in spite of being issued with these at school and results reflected this. So .. keen to see as many children as possible on-board for these - but only if there is a commitment to do the practice tests.

**Junior School Swimming Sports - Years 1 to 3 - 2 March**

You are invited to our special junior swimming sports for year 1-3 at 1:45pm on Thursday 2nd March. Children will be sitting in their year groups and we ask parents to sit in the parent's area. Please ensure your child has their togs, towel, school hat, jumper and sunblock (all named) at school on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All junior children are required to participate. The main aim for the day is participation and fun! *The Junior afternoon will run with swimming races in year groups -- starting with Year 3s first, then Year 2s & Year 1s.* We are looking forward to having lots of fun and celebrating how much the children have improved in swimming this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Term Headlice Inspection**

This week's inspection indicated relatively low levels of infestation. Parents advised of infestation, or suspected infestation, are asked to treat their children's hair urgently please, and to monitor closely over coming weeks for signs of re-infestation. Our desire is to keep infestation levels as low as possible for the rest of this term (before re-checking early next term). A co-ordinated effort reduces overall use of chemical treatments and this is an added benefit for families. Please advise if we can help or if you would like the advice of the public health nurse.

### School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8) ... 3 March

Please plan to be with us for our School Swimming Sports on 3 March.

Events will proceed (approximately) as follows ...

10:45 Freestyle Races  
11:25 Backstroke Races  
12:25 Breaststroke Races  
12:50 LUNCH  
1:30 Relays  
2:20 Novelty Races  
2:30 Prize Giving

*Remember times are approximate. Special thanks to Sumpter Baughen who are sponsoring this year's event. The seniors will host a sausage sizzle as part of their fundraising and so please bring along some change.*

### Sun Safety

Northland's sun can be pretty damaging, sometimes with awful long term consequences.

We do our best to ensure children without wide brimmed hats do not play out of the shade and children are given continual (daily) reminders to use sunblock if provided by parents.

Parents are asked to help please by ...

... considering sun safe clothing as an addition (or maybe alternative) for things like shoulders, arms, legs

... you may like to apply sunscreen each morning to your child, we understand on good authority that there is an 8 Hour sunblock which is highly effective, 50 plus protection (but not water resistant). **This normally retails for \$34 for 150 ml (quite expensive) but David's Pharmacy will sell this to you with a 10% discount if you say you are associated with Matarau School.**

### Finally

Have you noticed how well room 6 students (and their teacher) have settled into their new classroom. We are all really thrilled with this classroom and room 6 is humming. Feel free to take a look.

Enjoy the Country Fair ... set to be a really fun day!

Our Sponsors support your  
children, please support them

Regards  
Kevin Trewhella  
PRINCIPAL



## Community Notices

**AgriKids** – Northern Region Final. Kamo High School, 18 March 2017. Enter a team for a fun day. Must be 8+ years old. Contact Chevon Horsford on 021 0235 7844 or checkout [agrikidsnz.co.nz](http://agrikidsnz.co.nz)

**WANTED HOUSE TO RENT** in Matarau / Ruatangata area for professional couple with 1 intermediate aged child. Please phone 0204 137 6787

**Found** – Black Cat, Near Otakairangi end of Matarau Road. Might have been missing for several weeks? Very friendly. Ph Anita on 433 5946 or 021 0297 9520

**Kamo rugby club** muster Tuesday March 7th from 5.30pm. Register and pay sub online via Kamo rugby club website. All grades MUST wear boots this season.

**Old Mobile Phones** – please send in any old cell phones to the school office & we'll send them away for recycling. Thanks



10-AM - 2-PM

# MATARAU SCHOOL *Country Fair*



Kids Games  
**SATURDAY** Stalls Digger Rides  
**25TH FEBRUARY** Raffles Fun  
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